



Burrowes Mansion is known for its rich history and the many lives it has lived over the course of its nearly 300 years. It served as training grounds for the 1st Matawan militia, it was raided by the British, was home to a merchant, to a dentist, a to the founder of the first county newspaper, The Matawan Journal, was a hotel, a tea room, and is now a museum.

Its rich history has also brought many to believe that it is haunted. It is now considered one of the most haunted places in NJ with many sightings and strange encounters to support that claim. It was enough to garner the interest of Bruce Tango whose son Dave is one of the stars of the show, Ghost Nation. Bruce spent a day at the mansion with Al Savolaine back in 2013 and due to an apparition of a little girl he witnesses while there, Bruce has been on a mission to bring Ghost Nation to Burrowes Mansion ever since.

The Travel Channel's Ghost Nation cast and crew spent a week at Burrowes Mansion this past July during one of the hottest weeks of the summer. About 10 members of the production team set up their cameras, lights, sound equipment and paranormal equipment to film an episode for the new fall season. They spent time interviewing Al Savolaine, Kurtis Roinestad and Cathy Zavorskas asking them to explain the history of the mansion, the paranormal activity they have encountered as well as stories others have relayed to them about their paranormal experiences.

Ghost Nation's main objective is to learn about the existing paranormal stories and incidents that people have experienced over the course of years. They investigate the claims and encounters, and try to experience paranormal energy and engage in conversation with the spirits. The team attempts to learn the intentions and personalities of the ghosts to then help those of us that have been uncomfortable in the mansion feel more at ease. They seek to relieve our anxiety by explaining what they have learned from the ghostly encounters and how we can continue to "co-exist" with them.

Whether you are a believer in paranormal activity or not, it was a fascinating experience to meet the cast and crew, be interviewed by them, and listen to and see what the cast found during their days of investigation.

**The Travel Channel has scheduled the episode to air on Saturday, November 21st, 9:00 pm on Ghost Nation. The episode has been dubbed *Stairway to Hell*.**